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Mr. Liam Knox
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RE: Request Number EPA-HQ-2019-004813

Dear Mr. Knox:

This letter concerns the above-referenced Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request you submitted to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) on April 5, 2019. In your FOIA request, you requested:

“A copy of all communications, memos, environmental impact reports, and plans or proposals regarding the storage and disposal of nuclear waste at the Yucca Mountain Nuclear Waste Repository from 2014-2019.”

I would also like a copy of all communications and documents regarding the plan to store nuclear waste at the Skull Valley Goshute Indian Reservation from 1992-2006. Please be sure to include any communications sent to or from employees/representatives of Private Fuel Storage, LLC in your search. In addition, if there are any responsive documents from files retained from the now-defunct Office of the United States Nuclear Waste Negotiator.”

EPA did not locate any responsive records in EPA’s custody or control. If you have not already done so we suggest filing a FOIA request with the Nuclear Regulatory Commission and the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) if you are looking for an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). Pursuant to the records retention schedule, an EIS is maintained by the agency for a period of ten (10) years and then transferred to NARA.

This letter concludes our response under the FOIA. You may appeal this response by email at hq.foia@epa.gov, or by mail to the EPA’s National FOIA Office, U.S. EPA, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. (2310A), Washington, DC 20460 or through FOIAonline if you are an account holder. If you are submitting your appeal by hand delivery, courier service, or

overnight delivery, you must address your correspondence to 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Room 5315, Washington, DC 20460. Your appeal must be in writing, and it must be received no later than 90 calendar days from the date of this letter. The Agency will not consider appeals *received* after the 90-calendar-day limit. Appeals received after 5:00 p.m. EST will be considered received the next business day. The appeal letter should include the FOIA tracking number listed above. For quickest possible handling, the subject line of your email, the appeal letter, and its envelope, if applicable, should be marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal." Additionally, you may seek dispute resolution services from EPA's FOIA Public Liaison at hq.foia@epa.gov or (202) 566-1667, or from the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS). You may contact OGIS in any of the following ways: by mail, Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, Room 2510, 8610 Adelphi Road, College Park, MD 20740-6001; email, ogis@nara.gov; telephone, (202) 741-5770 or (877) 684-6448; or fax, (202) 741-5769.

Cordially,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Timothy R. Epp", is written over the printed name.

Timothy R. Epp
Acting Director, National FOIA Office